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SUBJECT Interview with John Loftus

JENNIFER JORDAN: Today On the Agenda, we have John Loftus, author of "The Belarus Secret," a newly-released book which looks painstakingly into the past of Nazi war criminals from the Byelorussian region of the USSR who came to the United States of America with the sanction and protection of the State Department. Mr. Loftus is here to take us through that history On the Agenda.

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JORDAN: Let's start with definitions. Where and what is Byelorussia?

JOHN LOFTUS: It's a little-known country of the Eastern provinces of Poland and the Western provinces of the old Russian Empire. And it's officially an independent nation with a seat in the U.N., but it's really little more than a Soviet puppet state. All of its foreign policy is conducted by Moscow.

JORDAN: Within the citizens of Byelorussia, and something with the Nazi takeover, where were they and how did they fit in? Were they like all of the Russian peasantry or all of the Russian citizenship?

LOFTUS: They were a little different. Byelorussia was one of the most conquered nations on earth. It lay across the principal invasion routes for anyone traveling from Europe to Moscow. Everyone from Napoleon to the Crusaders marched through their borders. And as a result, they took a very laissez-faire attitude towards occupiers: "They'll be here for a while; then someone else will come in." So they were pretty much used to the idea of someone taking part of the homeland.